

AMHERST COUNCIL ON AGING MINUTES

November 6, 2003

Members Present: Sara Wolff, Jean Haggerty, Al Byam, Liz Massey, Frank Lattuca, Elsie Fetterman, Janice Denton

Members Absent: Henry Peirce

Staff: John Clobridge, Nancy Pagano, Barbara Slovin,

Others: Doris Holden, Barry DelCastilho, Dave Stevens

Welcome: Jean welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

Treasurer's Report: We have a balance of \$733.26 in the checking account. The Edward Jones Money Fund is only getting an interest of .22%. Elsie asked if there was any way of getting more interest on our account. Sara suggested having Jim Becker come to the December COA meeting to discuss this. Al wants Jim to discuss Putnam with the debacle going on. John submitted a bill from the Senior Center Club for \$180 to reimburse monies given out for scholarships—THIS WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Staff Update: Nancy updated COA members on the current staffing situation. Maureen and Barbara Taylor have difficult surgeries and long term recoveries ahead. Barbara Slovin, Maureen and Barbara Taylor have applied for early retirement which would mean they would leave at the end of December. Barbara Taylor hopes to return for a period to help orient her replacement or to work until retirement. Barbara Slovin will come back to work as a volunteer or on a very part-time paid basis after December.

Committee Reports

Highland Valley Elsie reported that HVES has an opening on its personnel committee and asked if any COA member is interested. She mentioned a discussion at HVES about the propriety of having relatives reporting to relatives, but she learned that this is legal if disclosed. Elsie still expressed concern about the "perception".

Transportation Committee: Liz prepared an extensive written report on the Transportation Committee meeting held 10/29 which focused on van use, funding, final decisions on the specs, maintenance, hiring fill-in drivers, storage, etc. The Transportation Committee wants to do a CORI check on any Senior Center drivers. Al Byam is a great resource!

Funding Committee: Jean reported that the Funding Committee made a flyer. They have ideas like holding a raffle for \$1 a ticket, 6 for \$5, buying a seat on van; having a craft/tag sale. These are all suggestions for the COA to discuss. The committee also discussed having a calendar for events for year long.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Hirsh Pagano